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Subject: Our concerns over the proposed Laetitia Vineyard expansion and housing development

Dear Sir:

We are not generally opposed to development. However, we are very concerned with the impact this development would have on the area water supply if approved. We are aware of the serious water issues in the North County and those in the local Nipomo area. **Now is not the time to approve developments with high, or even moderate, water usage requirements!** We see that the Laetitia proposal has, over time, dropped the yearly water requirement estimate from 143 acre feet to 73.7, and then recently to 46.3. Albeit some of the drop is due to proposed water use mitigation. But, should this raise a flag? Hell yes it should! Certainly this shows that they recognize the seriousness of the water problem, but even mitigation at this time, given the drought and dropping water table, means that extreme caution must be used in evaluating this development.

**If the water table is dropping and we're in a drought, and there's little optimism that the situation will improve in the future, WHY ON EARTH WOULD ADDITIONAL HIGH/MODERATE USAGE DEVELOPMENTS BE APPROVED?**  
I mean, we're struggling to even hold on to the water status quo here.

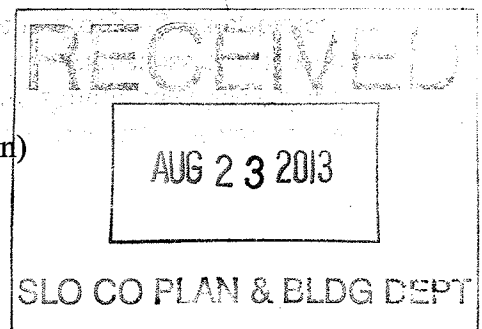
We have a well on our property, our neighbors all have wells, and we're all concerned (scared) about the water situation. **We strongly support the Nipomo Hills Alliance in their efforts to halt this development!**

Thank you for considering our concerns.

Sincerely,

*Tom Beckenhauer*  
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